

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The invention is directed to an appliance (10) of personal use such as a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, a kitchen machine, with a driving mechanism constructed as an electric motor (12) and with a control stage (14) for the energy supply (16) to the electric motor (12). During off-periods of the electric motor (12), the control stage (14) supplies the electric motor (12) with an energy which is adapted in particular in terms of duration and/or amplitude and which the electric motor (12), when off and in its capacity as an electroacoustic transducer, emits at least in part in the form of audible signals.

(FIG. 1)